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MONDAY, APRIL 4.

Russia is very quiet about its doings in the far east, but she is getting what she wants from China all the same.

EUROPEAN potentates must remember that the president of the United States does not declare war. Congress alone has that power.

clubs, tells the president to "lay on." the head of an innocent man. Therefore, let the battle begin. ALL Republicans should stand by the nominees of the Republican city and

precinct conventions and support them on tomorrow and vote for them. It is very probable that the American and Spanish fleets will meet in the Spanish Main in battle array during the next

ten days. Here's good luck to the Amer-

ican fleet. A REPUBLICAN who votes against Captain J. R. Hudson, the Republican no- ing him county assessor by the largest minee for mayor, who is an exception- majority on the ticket. He has shown ally good man, votes against the admin- by his official conduct that he deserves istration, votes against the party and such confidence and that the good opinshould ask no favors from the party in ion the voters of this city and county the future.

MEXICAN'S special correspondent informs within the city limits, entitled to a vote, this journal, that the dispatch that ap- should give it him and aid to elect him peared recently in the Denver News by a large majority. dated Springer, N. M., and expressing the dissatisfaction of the citizens of that burg with President McKinley, is found to be untrue. This simplifies the situation very much and is good for the ad- foreign lands concerning the action of ministration and its plans, and now, let the government of the United States as us feel good and be joyful.

and the free silver press take every op- States of a "Barbarous attempt to grab portunity to place the conduct of Presi- Cuba" the accusation is entitled to some dent McKinley during the present crisis attention as voicing the feeling of Contiin a false light before the people of the nental Europe. country. But as the people are too wide awake and know too much, the course deal like accusing others of being guilty of these papers does the president no of the same crime the accuser is guilty particular harm. It may be annoying and displeasing, but it can not and does not hurt much.

accommodate some disgruntled Repub- the unknown strength and fighting licans who want to vote against the Re- abilities of the children of the Flowery publican ticket and the Republican ad- kingdom. When, however, Japan made ministration, but as they want office in a run across a stretch of the territory so the future, they don't want to vote the long coveted without any serious oppostraight Democratic ticket. The Demo- sition the stealing of land for mere poscrats have agreed to take them in and session's sake began in earnest. In this help them out. The Democrats know land grabbing race, Russia has been in what they are doing, and so does the the van guard. Premising their con-Republican party.

In addition to being a senator of the United States and a rich silver mine owner. Senator Stewart also runs a free silver paper called the Silver Knight-Watchman. In a recent issue this strong free silver paper calls attentiou to the fact that the February exports of the United States were over \$93,000,000 in value, but omits to say that this is the largest February exportation ever known despite the claim that there could be no prosperity to our producers or our commerce without the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Cartwright for Treasurer.

Samuel G. Cartwright, Republican nominee for city treasurer, is a young business man well and favorably known throughout the community. He has made a first-class record in the office of treasurer; he has been tried and found the proper man in the right place. His election seems to be a foregone conclusion and will be a well deserved compil

M. Ortiz for Clerk.

Marcelino Ortiz is a native of this county, a young man of education, conversant with the English and Spanish language. He is fully competent for the position of city clerk, for which he has been nominated by the Republicans and is certainly a better candidate for the position than his opponent on the Citizens ticket. He should be loyally supported on tomorrow and should be

A Word to Republicans.

Certainly every man who holds a federal appointment in this city and is a voter here, should loyally support the Republican city ticket and should not go off after any of the false gods on the Citizens ticket. The Republican city ticket is all right, consists of good men and the best interests of the city demand its success. Should it go out that the Republican city ticket is defeated at this city election, certain enterprises now under way and that will prove of great benefit to the city, will be seriously injured and may be kept away entirely. Every Republican should vote the Republican city ticket straight.

ministration in the Cuban affair. They say it is a disgrace to their party and if the president has not the courage to act he should have sufficient respect for his party to resign.

Special Correspondence New Mexican.

Springer, N. M., April 3, 1898.—The above appeared in a Denver paper. It does not represent the feeling of the Republicans city ticket is defeated at this city election, certain enterprises now under way and that will prove of great benefit to the city, will be seriously injured and may be kept away entirely. Every Republican should vote the Republican city ticket straight.

The Fountain Murder Will Out. Albert J. Fountain, a prominent citi-

New Mexico, disappeared on February 1, 1896, as did his little son, 12 years of age. When last seen they were on their way from Lincoln, where Colonel Fountain had attended court, to Las Cruces, their home, and near the White Sands between the Tularosa and Organ mountains. From the moment of their disappearance it was believed that a most dastardly and foul crime had been com mitted, that Colonel Fountain and his innocent little son had been assassinated and their bodies hidden in some of the canons or arroyos in that section of country. For two years and more patiently and with secrecy and energy has this matter been investigated. The territory, the county of Dona Ana, many private citizens and the Masonic fraternity have spent much time and money to unravel this fearful mystery. The principal work naturally fell to the chief been patiently, but energetically and sagaciously to work in the same direction. As a dispatch in another column of this paper shows, the recent grand jury in Dona Ana county has had the case be-

Fountain and son. The law officers of the territory will do their duty in this fearlessly and fairly. The law should be vindicated, justice should be done and the perpetrators of MRS. ELLEN M. HENROTIN, president this foul deed punished. Let no guilty of the General Federation of Women's man escape and do not harm a hair on

fore it and upon the evidence adduced

has indicted several men in connection

Captain J. R. Hudson, Republican candidate for mayor, has been a resident of Santa Fe for about 18 years. He is a good Republican and fully and unequivocally entitled to the vote of every Republican on tomorrow. He is a friend of law and order and in favor of clean and well lighted streets and other city improvements. In November, 1896. the people of this county and city showed their confidence in him by electplaced in him was fully justified. For the good of the city and for the good of It is gratifying to know, as the New the Republican party every Republican

Barbarous Attempt to Grab Cuba.

Usually the people of this country do not look on information coming from having much bearing upon the matters under consideration. But when the THE yellow journals of the country journals of Russia accuse the United

To the Americans this looks a good

For years past Russia and other European powers have been encroaching upon Chinese territory, but fearing THE Citizens' party was gotten up to to make an actual invasion because of clusions upon their own rapacity, European nations believe that America is actuated by the same motives in inter-

fering in the Cuban question ... It is beyond the comprehension of Europe, that any country should willingly engage in war from a standpoint of humanity and justice. The American people understand that the United States will interfere in Cuba for the purpose of rescuing that Island from a condition that has been intolerable, and for no other purpose. This country has no ulterior designs in the matter whatsoever. When the island has been freed the inhabitants will be allowed to form their own government, and care for themselves. If the island were offered to this country that offer will doubtless be declined, but at the same time other nations will be warned to keep hands

At present the barbarous attempt of this country consists in insisting upon the right to feed the starving Cubans. But this measure is recognized as only one of alleviation, there can be nothing permanent about it: Cuba can never be prosperous until Spain has abandoned the attempt to govern it. When that takes place the object of intervention will have been accomplished The business this government has in Cuba is the business of humanity. If Europe does not know that, Europe is ignorant of the cardinal fact of the Cuban question.

A Correction Asked.

"Special to the News. "Springer, N. M., March 31 .- The Republicans here feel very indignant over the cowardly course taken by the ad-Certainly every man who holds a fed- ministration in the Cuban affair. They

SUICIDE OF J. W. ROBERTS.

en, Republican and lawyer of southern Prominent Citizen of Las Vegas Joins the Silent Majority by His Own Deed.

John W. Roberts, superintendent of the street car service at Las Vegas, committed suicide on Friday morning inder peculiarly distressing circum

It appears that on the night before the tragedy, Mr. Roberts returned home suffering from temporary aberration of the mind. He informed his wife, says the Optic, that he had been grossly in-sulted and that it was his intention to return with his pistol and avenge the outrage put upon him. His wife perlabored. He retired to bed at one time; technical critics may, however, be conbut soon got up again, persisting that he sidered. Pearl barbor is 2,100 miles must go to the old town and avenge him-self on the party who had maltreated him. One shot from his pistol went into the celling, causing his wife to flee ern shore. The latter has little, if any, from the room, so that no one was by military value. Why, then, should Hapeace officer of the section and Sheriff when the fatal shot went crashing into Pat F. Garrett, of Dona Ana county, has the brain through the mouth. Death exceed it in importance? The critics forwas instantaneous.

John W. Roberts was born in Dan-

Two boys, aged 17 and 14 years, are left as the comfort and support of the mother. Griff Roberts, of Las Vegas, is a brother, and Hannah Roberts, of Galor charged with the murder of Colonel lup, N. church, at 2 p. m., Sunday, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which organization the deceased was a mem-

MESILLA VALLEY PRUIT.

Considerable Damage Done to It By Recent

From reliable sources, we learn that the recent frost, although doing considerable damage to the fruit, has not done the damage that was first thought. Calamities always breed exaggerated rumors and Jack Frost's capers bring no exception to the rule. Nearly, if not all of the late native peaches are killed, but the apples are safe as also are the plums. Grapes are not injured, while apricots are entirely destroyed. As usual, the frost has been playing its unaccountable pranks. It is reported that the peaches at the college are all killed, while those at Mesilla Park have es-caped uninjured. If the present cold cather continues the fruit will probably all be killed, an event which will be regarded by many orchardists as a blessing as it is only by this means that they expect the codling moth to be destroyed entirely.—Dona Ana County Re-publican.

Sanitarium at Fort Stanton.

Senator Gallinger's bill to authorize the secretary of the interior to issue a permit to the American Invalid society, of Boston, to occupy 160 acres of land on the abandoned Fort Stanton military reservation in New Mexico for a national sanitarium for the treatment of pulmonary diseases, passed the United States senate on last Friday.

Mexican Central Bates.

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It Sounded Like a Cow. Fond Mother-Oh, Harry, baby can may "cow!" Say "cow," baby.

Baby-Moo! Fond Mother-There! Isn't that too

cute?-New York Truth.

Not In His Line. Rastus-Look out dar, ma honey, o' I'll steal you!

Dinah-Oh, I don't know! I ain't no chicken.-New York Journal.

Willie-Say, pa, what's a floating Pa-Our yacht, my son.-Chicago

He Was Handicapped

"Who is your favorite author?" "Pardon me, sir, but I am an author myself."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I have understood," said the friendly critic, unfolding a voluminous manascript, "that poets have a shrinking

"I can testify to the truth of that," replied the bard.
"Well, I don't want to impose on

friendship. But it would be a great favor if you would shrink this up into about four stanzas before making me read it."—Washington Star.

Might Be the Reason.

"Why did I not see you at the ball last evening?" asked the neighbor who liked to be disagreeable.

"Of course I cannot say positively," replied the little woman who had not been invited and who readily saw the motive back of the question, "but it is barely possible that it was because I wasn't there."-Chicago Post.

Going to the Root of the Matter. Student—I suppose, now, everything depends upon my having a clear idea of what I know? Professor-There is only one thing

more important. S.—And that is?
P.—To have a clear idea of what you don't know.—Brooklyn Life.

A Silver Wedding. "Paw," asked the little boy, "what is

a silver wedding?" After thoughtfully stroking his magnificent beard the Populist answered 'A silver wedding is when a woman has been married 16 years to one man." -Cincinnati Enquirer.

"One of the tallest men I ever knew was a Rhode Islander. He measured nearly seven feet in height." "Perhaps he had to grow that way. There was no room for him to spread out."-Chicago Tribune.

Jasper-Isn't it wonderful bow change of weather sometimes picks

Jumpappe—It is, indeed. I have frequently noticed that in the cyclone belt.

—New York Journal.

THE NEED OF HAWAII

ENGINEER IN CHIEF MELVILLE'S ARGU-MENT FOR ANNEXATION.

The Actual Nearness of Hawaii as a Flank ing Position For Naval Vessels-Advantage of Pearl Harbor as an Impregnable Ocean Fortress.

Recent events in the history of lands bordering the Pacific ocean give added strength to the strategic reasons favoring the annexation of Hawaii which have existed almost since the United States was a nation.

Hawaii's unique advantages as strategic point of prime importance have been set forth so ably and so often though successful in this, she could not as to forbid their citation here. One or calm the excitement under which he two objections raised by not a few nonfrom our western coast, and Madeira is about the same distance from our eastget that the paramount worth of the Hawaiian group in war will lie, first, ville, Pa., 48 years ago. At the age of 30 years he was married in Pueblo, Colo., to the wife who now survives him. supply of a war vessel, making necessary a renewal at Houoluln, and, sec-ond, in the isolation of the group, with the absence of other land between it lup, N. M., has been wired the sad news. The funeral took place from the family residence, near the Presbyterian lands intervened—as with Madeira—belands intervened—as with Madeira—between our western shore and Hawaii. the strategic value of the latter would

> be largely reduced. Again, it has been urged that if we shall take the group we shall but acquire territory to defend—an element not of strength, but of weakness, in war and one which will make necessary large additions to our fleet. Pearl har-bor can be made an impregnable ocean fortress. It is true that one does not wage war with fortresses. It is also true, however, that they form vantage points from which a force may sally



GEORGE W. MELVILLE. supply and recruit for fresh attack. If Hawaii in naval conflict shall have no useful function in this, then it would seem that, through the wars of all time, the eager strife for the possession of fortresses, of guarded ports, of frontier outposts, has been false strategy, an

error militarily. As to the dread of the economist or of the altrurian that annexation will require largely augmented naval strength it may be said that if an ade quate force of the United States be stationed at Hawaii and its coast communications be properly guarded, an enemy from over sea would violate some of the cardinal principles of naval strategy and invite sure disaster in attacking our western shores without first block ading or defeating the Hawaiian squadthe first assault, leaving the coast guard to the reserve of torpedo craft and monitors stationed at fortified ports. The strength of the squadron at this mid-Pacific outpost should be doubtless sufficient to meet the enemy, but the force on the coast could be reduced.

Some misconception as to Hawaii's Some misconception as to Hawaii's

Its equipment consists of sleeping, revalue in war seems to arise through a clining chair, dinlning and smoking cars.

Isok of appreciation of what steam has done in the reduction of ocean distances, measuring the latter in the time spent in traversing them. A clearer view may be obtained perhaps by referring this time to land travel. Admiral Colomb tory over which military forces march.' Let us extend this expression somewhat and assume the ocean to be not a neu-tral plain, but a "No Man's Land," on which armies may maneuver. Napoleon gave his system of conducting a war as to march 25 miles a day, to fight and then to camp in quiet." At 15 knots speed a fleet could steam from Pearl barbor to San Francisco in less than six days. The emperor in that time would have marched his army 150 miles. If, then, we assume the sea to be a great land plain, we must locate Pearl harbor on that plain at about 150 miles from San Francisco, and to complete the parallel must make it practically impreg-nable and capable of sheltering 100,000 men. From this point of view Hawaii's remoteness would seem to be apparent (rather than real. The men of this generation have added not a few stars FORTUNATELY the land is blessed to the blue field of our flag. As captains of industry or as toilers in its ranks they have so developed the resources of our wide land that after the wants of the greatest home market in the world are filled there remains of our products a surplus which in ever increasing vaziety and quantity forces its way into foreign marts. Shall not we, too, serve the greater republic that is to come, and in accepting the gift of the Hawaiian group not only make secure our western bore, but give the coming generations a firm grasp on the vast—but for us al-most untouched—trade of Pacific shore and islands?—George W. Melville, Engineer in Chief, U. S. N., in New York

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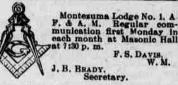
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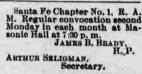
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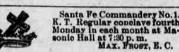
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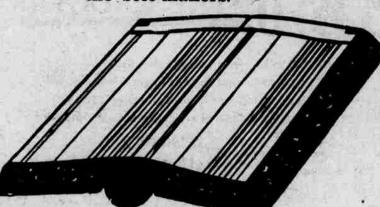
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